This rigorous, two-day workshop is intended to solidify the core values and principles of the Scrum framework to individuals who collaborate on or with a software development team.

**Why should you attend Professional Scrum Foundations?**

Teams adopting Scrum without a fundamental understanding of the framework are far less likely to succeed than those who experience Scrum in a shared learning environment. This class deliberately addresses common challenges teams will face and then equipping students to mitigate threats that can derail Scrum adoption.

Professional Scrum Foundations’s practical classroom experience provides students with a roadmap to get started with Scrum, sustain successful habits, and avoid common pitfalls. Students learn the basics of Scrum and how to adopt Scrum effectively and keep their team practicing healthy behaviors.

**What are the prerequisites?**

The Professional Scrum Foundations course is appropriate for anyone working on or with a Scrum team. The course is equally well suited for teams and organizations investigating how to use Scrum, those beginning to utilize Scrum in their development environment, and those who are currently struggling with ineffective Scrum. This course helps ensure students are prepared to begin using Scrum more effectively ... and *professionally*.

Students should read the [Scrum Guide](#) prior to attending class.

**How will you learn?**

Understanding the Scrum framework is the beginning of applying Scrum successfully. Using knowledge acquired during class, students will collaborate in-person as they iteratively learn how to apply Scrum by actively sprinting and participating in:

- Product Backlog refinement
- Sprint Planning
- Requirements decomposition
- Agile estimation techniques
- Sprint Review
- Sprint Retrospective

*Note:* This training is not available to remote students. All students must be in the same room as the trainer.
What is the structure of the course?

Students are introduced to their case study and will be expected to deliver a working increment of functionality while actively using the Scrum framework. Experiencing Scrum this way, in mini Sprints, will help ensure that the students leave class with knowledge as well as muscle memory.

Here is a list of the specific modules:

- **The Scrum Framework**: Students dive into the Scrum framework and learn its values, principles, roles, artifacts, events, and rules.
- **Mastering Scrum**: Students learn the importance of self-organizing teams, inspecting and removing impediments, and useful complementary practices.
- **Planning with Scrum**: Students learn practical techniques to refine the Product Backlog, plan releases, keep Sprints on track, and maintain healthy team behaviors. Students also learn lean approaches to discovering, expressing, decomposing, and estimating requirements as Product Backlog items.
- **Getting Started**: Following a PSF training event, teams often struggle to adopt what seemed so reasonable just a few days prior. This discussion helps attendees prepare to be effective with Scrum immediately following the training, making the class a true catalyst for change.
- **Keeping Scrum Healthy**: This module focuses on common missteps teams make when adopting Scrum and strategies to avoid them. Courageous conversations will ensue as some common pitfalls and dysfunctions are discussed.

Professional Scrum Master 1 assessment

Students will be offered a free attempt to take Scrum.org’s Professional Scrum Master I (PSM I) assessment. The assessment is based on the subject areas introduced during class.

How does this compare to CSM?

The Certified Scrum Master (CSM) class and certification are products of the Scrum Alliance. Their mission is to “transform the world of work”. Scrum.org’s mission is to “improve the profession of software development”. All Professional Scrum classes focus on Scrum for software development, use standardized content, and are delivered by trainers who have a software development background. Scrum Alliance courses do not. In addition, all Professional Scrum assessments can be taken independent of training – further raising the credibility of the certification.

Ken Schwaber, co-creator of Scrum, started both organizations, but is currently only involved with Scrum.org.